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TUESDAY—Paramount Features—The noted screen stars, Wallace Reid and Cleo Ridgley, in "The House of the Golden Windows," by L. V. Jefferson. This drama fulfills the promise of its name. The role portrayed by these two great artists afford them opportunities to which they rise admirably. "The Shielding Shadow" repeated.

WEDNESDAY—Fox Feature—Beauty meets the Beast and takes her prisoner. Then he frees her, and she returns home. They meet again. For the whole story see William Fox's story of a Bad Man's Reformation, "The Beast," with George Walsh and Anna Luther, assisted by Mayall, Cecil, de Vere, and Benson. Pathe News.

THURSDAY—Triangle Features—Douglas Fairbanks in "Reggie Mixes In," with Bessie Love." The leading star of this play yielded to film magnates when he was told that they would let him do all the stunts he wanted to. Thirty minutes of screaming fun with Hank Mann in "His Bread and Butter."

FRIDAY—Metro Stars—Don't marry until you see "Mister 44," with Harold Lockwood and May Allison—a wonderplay that answers the question "Should a Man Marry Beneath His Station?" Stars supported by Lester Cuneo, Franklin Hall, Yonda Landowska, Harry Otto, and others. Burton Holmes' travels, "In Innsbruck."

SATURDAY—Daniel Frohman presents Pauline Frederick in a picturization of Clyde Fitch's great dramatic success, "The Woman in the Case." All star cast: Marie Chambers, Alan Hale, Paul Gordon, Clarence Handysides, George Larkins. Bray Cartoon, "Nearly a Deserter."

Annual Meetings For Two Orange Houses

Covina Heights Groves and Golden Groves Packing Companies Report Big Returns For Past Year—Stockholders Transact Business—House-Warming planned For Heights House.

The annual stockholders' meetings of the Covina Heights Groves and the Golden Groves orange packing associations were held Wednesday forenoon at the Golden Groves packing house on Azusa avenue. These two packing companies are members of the Mutual Orange Distributors, with their main office in Redlands. They ship between 250 and 300 carloads of oranges from this district each year.

The stockholders' meetings this year did not include a dinner, as is the custom. This pleasure is not to be foregone, however, as it was decided to hold a combined meeting when the new Covina Heights house is completed. The piece de resistance of the feast planned for this time is to be a barbecued pig, supplied by A. Gregory, president of the Mutual concern, from his stock ranch.

Mr. George E. Maxfield, secretary and manager of the Covina Heights, read a preliminary report of the past season's business that met with the approval of all the growers present. He stated that at the time of the meeting in the new house, that will be ready for occupancy by the first of the year, he would have a detailed acount of the year's business ready for presentation. Already the association has shipped two pools, one for the Thanksgiving trade and the other for Christmas. Only well matured fruit has been sent forward. About 150 carloads of oranges will be shipped this coming season. This moderate volume of shipments is considered an advantage by members of the association as it gives the growers considerable option in their choice of times [illegible] The new house being built on the site of the former plant destroyed by fire the last of October is to be a model of efficiency. It will combine the best features of the latest plants constructed, and will contain only the most modern and labor-saving machinery. The building operations are progressing rapidly.

It was necesary to fill seven vacancies in the directorate. The same seven members of the association who have served on the board during the past year were re-elected. They are: Robert Kohlsaat, Gordon C. Douglas, Carroll D. Webb, C. E. Daniels, M. M. Knudtson, Perry Bashore, and E. M. Bosworth. David J. Overholtzer and Charles A. Leighton were re-elected to the offices of president and vice-president, respectively. George H. Maxfield was again elected manager.

The stockholders' meeting of the Golden Orange Groves was called to order by President A. E. Harnish. The following board of directors was chosen: W. M. Bainbridge, Otto Brouse, C. W. Speer, J. W. Groover, F. A. Roberts, S. W. Tucker, and Sam Jones. Mr. Bainbridge was elected president, and Minter Stanton's election as manager was reaffirmed by the new directorate.

No attempt was made by the Azusa avenue house to give price averages for the season's output of fruit. It was the opinion of all, however, that the past year had been wonderfully successful, and a general expression of confidence was made in the Mutual Distributors, who handle the marketing. The manager reported that about 500 acres of oranges would be marketed through the house this season, making a total of about 150 carloads. The association has been growing each year and there is every indication that the coming season will be the biggest year yet for the Golden Groves.

Mr. A. Gregory, president of the central association, was present and gave a short talk before the joint meeting of the two associations. He reported that the largest part of the northern crop would be away by Christmas time, thus leaving practically an open market for Southern California after the first of the year. In his opinion the south will move an immense crop this season, with great profit, as the buying power of the east and middle-west is greater than in years. He reported on the work being done all the time to perfect the selling organization of the mutual. He stated that the past season has been a record breaker for all the houses marketing their five thousand carloads of fruit through the M. O. D.

TROY BUYS PLANT OF AZUSA STEAM LAUNDRY

The Troy Laundry of Covina closed negotiations this week for the purchase of the Azusa Steam Laundry. The deal included the machinery, wagons and all assets of the Azusa laundry.

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF GREAT WIND STORM

Wednesday of this week marked the twenty-fifth anniversary of the most disastrous wind storm that ever swept over the San Gabriel valley.

At Azusa nearly every building was razed to the ground, and in Covina, Holy Trinity church, which had just been built, was blown over and wrecked, and nearly every building in the district was more or less damaged. The wind was of such terrific force that the drifted sand penetrated every crevice, however small, and lay in drifts on the floors of the houses. Every orchard in the valley was defoliated and even the bark was peeled from the trees on the side facing the direction of the wind, effects of which can be seen to this day in the older orchards.

This storm wrought much damage throughout Southern California, but its severity was greatest in the San Gabriel valley. Dr. J. D. Reed and Mr. J. H. Coolman, who were among the early settlers, even to this day can graphically describe the terrors of the memorable day and night.

There is no record of a danmaging wind in this valley since that date.

THE ARGUS OFFERS A FEW SUGGESTIONS ON SHOPPING

Readers of the Argus will find it both profitable and pleasing to read the many Christmas suggestions and offerings contained this week in the advertisements which appear on every page.

In rhyme the Covina Furniture Company tells of the many useful gifts to make the housewife happy. Everything in electrical appliances is contained in the ad of R. B. Winder the local electrician. Finch Brothers and F. E. Wolfarth offer the latest and best in jewelry and cut glass. W. L. Hurley and McClellan & Larkin tell of their splendid line of carving sets, pocket cutlery and everything that can be found in the best equipped hardware for Christmas. A reference to the ad of the Co[illegible] stock of Christmas stationery which will meet the demands of the most exacting. O. W. Tucker, the photographer, suggests the most artistic in pictures and kodaks of every grade and size. The Reliable Garage offers the most acceptable gifts in auto robes and other accessories for the family auto.

Read the Argus ads, inspect the stocks, and you will become convinced that there is no reason to suffer the inconveniences of shopping in the crowded stores of Los Angeles to secure what you want in every line. The Covina stores are carrying this year a splendid stock of Christmas goods.

COVINA MEN VISIT PALO VERDE VALLEY

Frank Kendall, Claud Bost and Charley Smith returned this week from a five-days' trip to Palo Verde valley, in the extreme eastern part of Riverside county. A considerable boom has been experienced in this country since the advent of a railroad this summer, and these Covina men have been down looking over the prospects. Cotton is one of the principal crops growing in the valley, and Mr. Bost hopes to lease some land and get in a crop of cotton this year. Water is obtained from the Colorado river, and the supply is unlimited. Land sells in the neighborhood of $100 an acre and the cost of clearing runs from $25 to $75 an acre.

R. W. Groom is another Covina man who has recently been in the Palo Verde country, looking at land with a view to investment.

NEGATIVE STRAW VOTE ON SEWER SYSTEM PROJECT

The straw vote taken this week among the property owners of the city, as to the advisability of going ahead at this time to construct a sewer system, was defeated by a vote of four to one. One hundred thirty-four votes were cast in the negative, as against thirty-four ballots in favor of putting in the system. The cess-pool system now in use for taking care of the sewage is practicable for the time being, is the general feeling of the citizens.

BICYCLE STOLEN FROM RECTOR IN BROAD DAYLIGHT

Rev. Charles T. Murphy, rector of Holy Trinity church, was the victim on Thursday of a sneak bicycle thief. His wheel, a Rami, was taken shortly after 11 o'clock on Thursday morning, from in front of his residence. The number on the wheel is X38—19910. A thief that would steal a parson's wheel is mean enough to rob a mite box intended for widows and orphans.

Silver tinsel, holly wrapping paper, gold and silver cord. Covina Book Store.

Child Instantly Killed By Electric Train

Infant of Well-Known Rancher Meets Tragic Death on Saturday Afternoon —Funeral Services Held From the Methodist Church on Monday Afternoon.

The tragic death of little Charity Elizabeth Jessup, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Solon Jessup, which occurred late last Saturday afternoon, threw a shadow of grief over the entire community. The child had been playing in the garden near the Jessup home on East Badillo street, and wandered onto the tracks of the Pacific Electric railway, which run parallel with the Jessup property. As a work-train rounded a slight curve, the motorman caught sight of the child and made every effort to stop the train, but the child was hit on the head by the brake-rod of the first car, which caused instant death. The body was placed on the train by the parents and trainmen and rushed to the offices of Reed & Jennings, but the character of the injuries showed the death to have been instantaneous.

Little Charity was two years and three months old and was the youngest and the only daughter of five children.

The funeral services were held Monday afternoon in the Methodist church, where Rev. S. J. McConnell, the pastor, gave a loving message to the bereaved family and friends. A full choir sang a number of selections. The interment was made in the family plot in the Oakdale cemetery, where a profusion of beautiful flowers banked the grave.

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LOCAL NEWSPAPER MAN TAKES CHARMING BRIDE

The marriage on Tuesday, Dec. 12, of Miss Margaret Albun Forsyth of Los Angeles, to Mr. R. W. McQuiston, editor of the Azusa Pomotropic, was the culmination of a romance which has covered a period of three years and has extended ffom Elsinore to Newport Beach.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Frank R. Dudley, pastor of the Presbyterian church of Azusa, in the home which the groom has been preparing for some weeks past for the reception of his bride. Only a few of the intimate friends of the couple were present. The young people left on the following morning on a honeymoon of ten days, spent in the neighborhood of Santa Barbara and coast points.

The bride is well known in this valley, having been a teacher in the Azusa schools for several years. For the past two years she has made her home in Los Angeles. Mr. McQuiston is a young newspaperman whose pleasing personality has gained for him a host of friends, not only in this valley, but throughout the entire county. He is a bright and forceful writer and he and his partner, Mr. Currier, have made the Pomotropic an indispensible factor in the growth of Azusa.

ANCIENT AND MODERN NOVELS DISCUSSED FOR CLUB LADIES

At the meeting of the Monday Afternoon Club this week, the ladies were given a fine talk by Miss Haynes, the subject being the novel, from the earliest nineteenth century writers to the novels of 1916.

Miss Haynes spoke of a library in Boston which contained books from the early writers of novels. She has had the experience of reading a number of these time-yellowed books, and told in brief of some of the plots of that time, which to later-day readers seem almost ridiculous.

Many of the 1916 novels are taken from the war. Five of them Miss Haynes mentioned as being very good. They are: "Those About Trench," by Edwin H. Lewis; "The Dark Forest," by Hugh Walpole; "Mr. Brittling Sees It Through," by H. G. Wells (this one is especially fine); "The Story of the War and the Door-Step," by Margaret Sherwood; a translation from the French, "The Night Cometh," by Paul Bourget. Among the other and better 1916 novels are "The Sailor," by Snaith; "Leatherwood God," by Howells; and Margaret Deland's last book, "The Rising Tide." Miss Haynes spoke especially of "The Sailor," "Leatherwood God," "Mr. Brittling Sees It Through." These three books are being read by all novel readers and are considered fine.

Another enjoyable part of the afternoon program was the piano solos by Miss Crete King. She played Moscowky's "Masking and Unmasking" and "Barcarolle."

The next meeting of the club, Dec. 18th, will be children's day, and will be in charge of the entertainment committee. The meeting will begin at the usual time, and all the children of the club are invited to be present. Miss Marie Anderson will tell a number of stories, Miss Helen Broadwell will sing some children's songs, and there will be a Christmas tree and refreshments.

MARY PICKFORD IN LAND OF TUPIP BULBS.

Mary Pickford in wooden shoes and a red kirtle, dancing to the tune of a hand organ! Mary Pickford planting tulips in a wooden shoe and presenting them to her lover! All of which means that the popular Famous Players star is gracing the title role of that company's delightful production, "Hulda From Holland," by Edith Barnard Delano, which is the Paramount picture at the Star Theater Saturday afternoon and evenin.

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Some of the richest comedy which Miss Pickford has ever displayed upon the screen is that which takes place with her little brothers, Heinie, Hans and little Yacob. In her distress, Miss Pickford is as irresistible as ever, but in her funny Dutch way, she develops a philosophical attitude toward the harsh things of this world which robs the scenes of all their bitterness.

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Poultry Notes

There is a great stir just now about the high cost of living, and people are refusing to buy eggs, among other things. They blame the producer and the merchant. I do not believe the latter is to blame, and I am certain that the former is not. As a matter of fact the price of the best eggs is not nearly as high as it should be, compared with last year. Before last week's sudden drop, the price was only three cents a dozen more than a year ago, while the cost of feed is 60 to 90 per cent up. The probability is that the egg supply is not as good this fall either. Poultry have been fed a poorer quality of food in most cases, and the common run of poultry-keepers do not know how to make up to the flocks for the less nourishing meals set before them. I see that this year's pullets are said to have been very slow in maturing for some unknown reason. The reason is to be found, and without much difficulty, in poorer food and less of it. You can't make something out of nothing. You can not raise a pullet quickly to producing point unless you feed it properly; and you surely can not make it lay then unless you feed it well. In years when feed is cheap enough to waste, all sorts of people know how to make a fortune out of fowls; but now, when waste feed is almost too dear to buy, you have got to know something indeed, or sell out. Well, anyway, things won't be mended by blaming the poultry keeper for the so-called high prices and leaving his scanty harvest on his hands. By so doing a very large class of small producers which California has especially provided for, sought for, advertised for, prayed for, and in not a few cases, I fear, lied for, will promptly be out of the business. There is mighty little capital behind a lot of these chicken farms, I can assure you, and most of them make a bare living, but the folk who run them have, in a great many cases, come here at the suggestion and invitations of your Golden State, and look for something better than a dog's chance.

Questions welcomed.

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS.

Last Thursday afternoon the basketball teams of two other schools received a severe drubbing at the hands of Covina. On the boys' court Lordsburg was defeated by a score of 59 to 18, while the girls walloped Bonita in a fast, exciting game, 25 to 5.

Tuesday afternoon the boys journeyed to Pasadena, and got the short end of 61 to 48. That such a large score was run up against Pasadena is quite wonderful as Pasadena is not a little school and is doped to be good for the Southern California championship. The boys feel in fine fettle for the opening of the league immediately after Christmas recess.

As an honest-to-goodness pro-Christmas present, Madame Ellen Beach Yaw gave the student body, Wednesday morning, an opportunity of hearing her wonderful voice with a number of selections. She first told us how she came to be a prima donna and sang the song she made her debut with, "Way Down in Maine." She then sang several numbers, "The Cuckoo," "The Skylard," "The Laughing Song," and others, keeping her audience thrilled with her wonderful voice. We all thank Miss Yaw for singing to us so beautifully.

By Friday the high school will be deserted for two weeks, while its occupants will be enjoying the privileges of a two weeks' vacation. It is very true that Christmas comes but once a year; also teachers' institute, which results in the students getting fifteen days' actual enjoyment. To the readers of the column I wish a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

—LESTER SEIB, '17.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL NOTES.

Last Friday afternoon after school Miss Edwards entertained the girls of the eighth year at her home at the Badillo Inn, where they spent a cozy hour around the fireplace. Miss Edwards read aloud "The Legend of the Three Weavers," after which she talked over the story and applied it to the life of the twentieth century girl. The A-8th grade girls helped their hostess with the informal refreshments and the girls toasted marshmallows at the open fire. The jolly little party was over by 5:30. The sevens and sixes will be entertained later.

The kindergartners are making preparations for entertaining the mothers' meeting Thursday afternoon.

A long table in the office is already piled with dainty Christmas packages brought by the children of all the grades, to be sent to the David and Margaret Home and to the children of the county hospital. Our plan is "Not what we give, but what we share." These gifts all come from among the possessions of the children themselves, and are sent on with jolly notes of good wishes. There is to be no cash expenditure.

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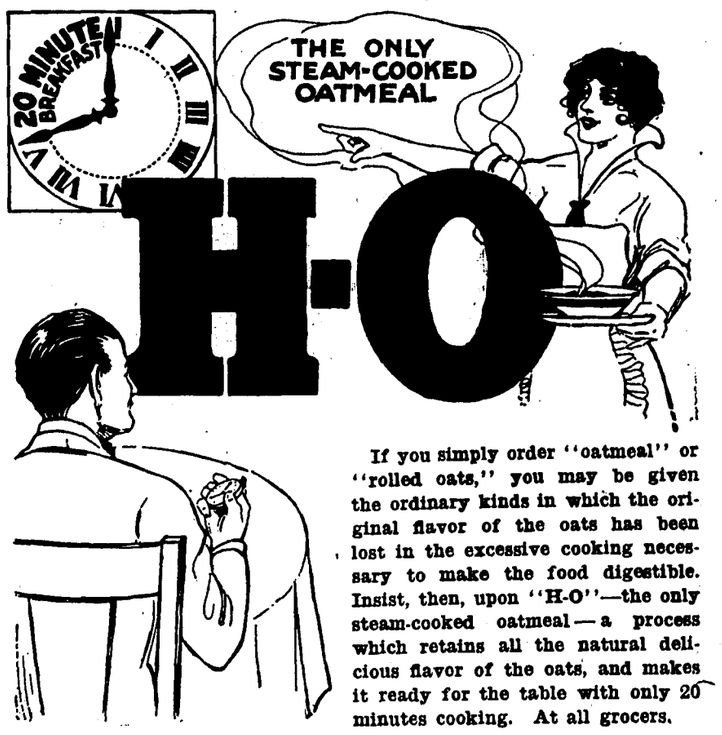

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FROM JOB TO JOB AROUND THE WORLD

By Alfred C. B. Fletcher.

CHAPTER V.

Richardson had not got to take up his new work immediately, and for two weeks we led an indolent life in Kyoto. Then the craving for the trail struck us again, and with the help of an American who had long resided in Japan, we mapped out an itinerary that would carry us into a remote region, and penetrated up to that time by fewer that half a dozen foreigners. In the early morning we set out from Kyoto on foot. Little did we dream that we were plunging headlong into an adventure which would reverbrate clear into the department of state at Washington before we again mingled in the bustling crowds of Kyoto.

On the shores of Lake Biwa we boarded a steamer and sailed fifty miles to the village of Imasu. We spent the night in a Japanese inn, and the following day walked twenty-five miles to Obama, on the sea of Japan. On the way we passed through an endless chain of picturesque villages. Our entrance to these small towns were a great source of interest to the inhabitants, who rushed to the doors or windows of their shops or houses, or poured into the streets to inspect us. They scanned our clothes with the frankest sort of curiosity, and were especially impressed with our heavy leather shoes, which they examined carefully, usually turning away afterwards to hide their smiles. In village after village we caused a complete cessation of business and household duties until we were out of sight. Our advent and departure were probably the main topic of discussion for the rest of the day.

At Obama we devoted a full hour to vigorous gesticulation with our hands before we could convey into the head of an inn proprietor the fact that we wanted a bed.

That night we slept on the footstool of adventure.

At dawn we sailed out of the narrow cove into the Sea of Japan. The coast on this run is a beautiful panorama of bays and inlets, backed by richly wooded hills. Pretty villages stud the shore.

Richardson was greatly taken with the beauty of these villages. He unslung his camera and snapped a picture of one of them from the steamer deck. The kodak was barely back in the case before a deck-hand skipped away to the captain's cabin and made a report. The captain summoned Richardson posthaste. The whole ship bristled with excitement.

It transpired we were in Mausuru bay, the chief naval base of Japan, and one of the zones in which it is unlawful to take pictures. Richardson refused to get excited. He gave the captain the roll of films, together with his Kyoto address, requested him to have it developed, destroy the illegal picture, and return the others. The captain said he would do so, and we though the incident closed.

But it was not; it had only just begun. In a few minutes our steamer arrived at the dock, and we went down the gangway to board a train for our return trip to Kyoto. I had settled down comfortably in my seat and opened a book, when a Japanese in uniform rushed up, waved his hands and shouted at me in his native language.

"Oh, go away," I said. I thought he was crazy. The excited officer stood waving his hands in a manner which would indicate in a western country that he wanted me to remain where I was. Finally he left the car and Richardson came in.

"What on earth is the matter with that Jap?" I demanded. "He must be drunk."

"He's a policeman," explained Richardson. "We are both under arrest for the picture. The captain reported it to the police."

Presently the officer in uniform came back, waving his hands in the air like some one insane. I did not realize that these movements were equivalent to the American beckoning sign, so I remained seated. Thereupon he lurched over and gripped my shoulder. Richardson had already gone out. I got up, and in three seconds found myself, with my companion, in the midst of two hundred incensed natives.

Other police and a couple of military officers had now come up, and Richardson's camera had been taken from him. We stood in the midst of this gathering while the uniformed officers held a conference, of which we could not understand a word. Finally they led us away. For an hour Richardson and I, accompanied by two policemen, marched abreast. We concluded they had decided to walk us to death. At last we arrived at an edifice, from which a Japanese flag was flying, and in front of which two sentinels stood on duty. This was the military police court and prison. We were ushered in, and were greeted by half a dozen officers in uniform, who bowed and bobbed around with as much ceremony as though we were two caliphs of Bagdad. They were the politest lot of policemen we ever saw.

The military judge was on the bench, and we were taken into his presence with many smiles and salaams. We tried to tell the judge that we loved the Japanese people very dearly, and that we wanted to go back to Kyoto, but he could not understand a word, and no one else could either. There was nothing to do but wait for an interpreter, whom one of the clerks of the court was sent out to obtain. The Japanese looked very serious, but we were not impressed, and made irrevalent remarks.

We waited until noon, and as we were hungry we made this fact known by means of writing, for one of the clerks could read English after a fashion, but could not speak it. Permission was granted us to dine. Richardson promptly asked the court to pay the bill, but the request, after a half-hour conference, was refused. We set out with two policemen to a Japanese hotel, where we ate a fifteen-minute meal in an hour and a half, the two officers remaining on guard at the door.

In the afternoon the "interpreter came. We expected to see an American, or at least someone who understood the English language. Instead there stood before us a little Jap, who looked like a miniature pugilist, and knew about as much English as a two-year-old child. He started his cross-examination with the regular preliminaries, bows and genuflections, and kept at this performance for so long a time that when he began to speak we expected a masterpiece. His first utterance was:

"I am sorry this event has happened."

"So are we, old chap," put in Richardson, "but cut out this nonsense. We have an appointment at Kyoto." But Richardson might as well have been talking to a parsnip, for all the effect it had.

Presently, however, the cross-examination got under way and proceeded laboriously. We were asked every conceivable question—our names, ages, nationalities, occupation, parents' names, and their occupation; our reasons for being away from home, and the length of time we had been away, where we were going, and why; had we even been convicted of crime in America; our reason for taking the picture; our domicile and acquaintances in Kyoto. Those and many more questions were asked us, extending over a period of six hours.

Under the heading of occupation we stated that we were school-teachers, being the first and most harmless vocation we could think of. Immediately the court discovered a discrepancy. This vocation did not compare with the records received from the hotel registers. Every guest, on arrival at a hotel, is required to give his occupation when registering, and this is turned over to the police with other information. Richardson and I, not having any definite vocation, signed up under different callings at each hotel. We dug up all the antiquated and unusual means of earning a living that our imagine could muster. The list included ventriloquism, crutch-maker, chiropodist, clairvoyant, boiler-maker, hypnotist, and wig-maker. The judge confronted us with this array of honorable vocations, which he had obtained from the police records, and demanded an explanation. Richardson rose to the occasion, and in a short time had us out of the trap. He explained that English was very flexible; that it was a language replete with synonyms, that it contained numerous words which meant the same thing. He went into a lengthy dissertation in which he thoroughly convinced the judge that crutch-maker, chiropodist, et cetera, all meant school-teacher, that each simply emphasized the different phases of the vocation.

The questioning caused the court to conclude that it had little hold on me, except as an accomplice of Richardson, the latter being the man caught in the act. On my suggestion they allowed me to return to Kyoto, accompanied by an officer. Richardson was held all night for further examination.

I arrived in Kyoto about midnight, and immediately retired. In the morning I met the advisory secretary of the Y. M. C. A., who had heard of our trouble by telegraph, the Maisuru authorities having referred our story to him for verification. The news of the incident had spread throughout Japan, and great crowds gathered in front of the Kyoto newspaper offices, where bulletins announced that two American spies had been arrested, and that in their possession were found pictures of battleships, sketches of harbors, and plans of forts. The newspaper accounts described us as poor men, owing to the fact that Richardson, expecting that he would have to put up a bond, said that he had but 12 yen, when asked what amount of money he possessed. The report that we were poverty-stricken was also due to the fact that we wore blue flannel shirts—suitable attire for walking, but not a costume in which the Japanese are accustomed to see Americans. The press reports also referred to us as suspicious looking characters, and stated that we did not take the matter seriously, as we jested in the courtroom.

On the morning after my arrival at Kyoto, I was interviewed by the chief of police of that city, assisted by an interpreter. During the examination the door opened, and outside stood Richardson, who had been escorted from Maisuru by an officer. We were not allowed to get together to discuss the matter, however, for fear we would concoct a story. The chief of police first finished with me, and then called Richardson in for a session.

Accounts of the affair were printed in all the leading papers of the far east, including Japan, Korea, China, and the Philippines. The Associated Press obtained the news, and the dailies of the Pacific coast in America displayed several columns of distorted accounts. A Honolulu journal considered it of sufficient importance to give it a full front-page headline, "Honolulu Men Languish in Japanese Jail."

And this was not all. The news found its way to Washington, and our little indiscretion at Maisuru set the diplomatic wheels of two nations in motion. My brother, reading the Associated Press reports in San Francisco papers, and imagining that we were being subjected to Oriental tortures in a Japanese jail, telegraphed the state department at Washington.

He received the following cable from Mr. Huntington Wilson, acting secretary of state at that time, under President Taft:

"Department telegraphed embassy at Tokio today to ascertain facts, and endeavor to secure your brother's release."

The ambassador at Tokio got in touch with the situation, and replied that Richardson and I were being well treated, and that as soon as proved innocent we would be liberated. This information was sent to my brother by the state department.

In the meantime we were battling with the Japanese authorities in Kyoto. We wanted to get back our camera. It was a regulation to conscate all cameras that had been used to take illegal pictures, but we finally convinced the police that we had no ulterior motives, and, after promising to leave Japan at once and give an itinerary of our route out of the country, we were released. The Kyoto chief of police returned the camera, with an impressive speech, while we retired from the court-room without ceremony, while the numerous officials nearly broke their backs bowing. To crown all, by some mistake, the objectionable picture was left in the camera, and we departed with the film of the little Maisuru bay village still in our possession.

COVINA
Twenty Years Ago

(Taken from files of the Covina Argus.)

Rapid progress has been made on the new Christian church during the past week. The members of that denomination has displayed considerable generosity and energy in the matter of providing the funds for its erection.

The Hodges block on Citrus avenue is nearing completion, and its handsome brick front lends much to the appearance of that portion of the street. The storerooms are lofty and their large show windows offer every facility for the display of merchandise. The upper story will be used as a public hall, supplying a long-felt want.

A. P. Kerckhoff, B. F. Allen, H. C. Mace, H. E. Collins, J. Smeltzer and J. E. Zug were summoned Wednesday as witnesses on the condemnation suit of J. B. Owens vs. the Southern Pacific.

Rev. S. D. White and workers will begin a protracted meeting this week at the Azusa Valley Holiness church.

L. D. Graham has purchased two lots on the Richmond tract, east of the school house, and has had his residence removed from W. Workman street to that location.

The iron front and sides for the Huntington and Coolman block, which will shortly be under construction, have been ordered from a St. Louis firm. The block will stand on the corner of Second and Front streets. It will be 70 feet square, with an elevation of 37 feet. The upper story will consist of a large hall.

Construction will be commenced Monday on the Covina Citrus Association packing house. It will be located on property purchased from R. J. Pollard.

Mrs. C. V. Hulce and Mrs. C. C. Hulce of Pomona were entertained on Wednesday by Mrs. I. C. Fairly.

C. M. Warner, a student at the state university, preached in the Berkeley Methodist church on Sunday last to a large congregation.

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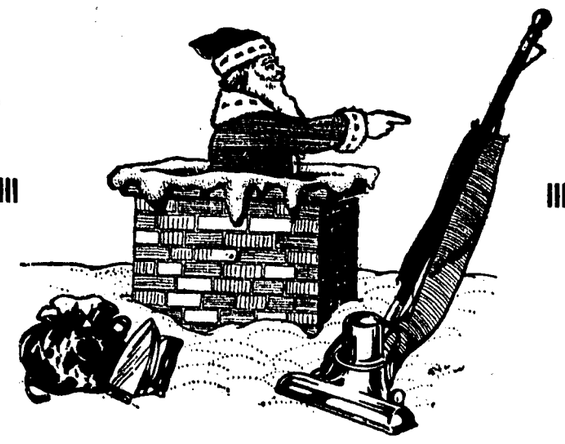

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EDITORIAL

YOUR BABY, OR MINE.

The depressing tragedy of the death of the little Covina babe who wandered to a car-track and was killed by a train last week, leaves everyone too shocked to make an adequate expression. Every man and woman in the valley grieves in a helpless sort of way over this accident, and the parents may be sure that all hearts have been wrung and that it has brought the spectre of fear into every home in the valley.

For we do not know when the violent hand of fate may be laid upon our own little ones. We cannot know when someone who has laid so close to our hearts may be sacrificed to the increasing multiplicity of danger in our present-day civilization.

The only consolation we can find under such circumstances, is the one given by the great-hearted poet, who said that the Great Reaper loved and desired both the grain and the flowers that grow between, and that some day, some time, He would give them all back again.

WHAT IS CHRISTMAS?

When little tots are standing in line for hours in Belgium, waiting for a cup of milk, we who contemplate loading our Christmas trees and our stomachs on that Day of the Nativity, may best do it behind closed doors and shamefacedly.

Such sentiments are irritating to some, of course, and may only be momentarily genuine in all of us, but it is an uncomfortable thought that—until all had been fed, would Christ have sat down to meat and comfort?

True, it is impossible under our careless system of civilization to alleviate all suffeing and privation. Christ admitted that the poor were always to be with us. And in the case of the great war, it is inevitable that innocent women and babes must suffer and starve, in order that the commerce of the world may be wrested from one nation and given to another. Such a laudable end would seem perhaps to justify the means, in the hearts of some, although perhaps not in the heart of Christ.

What is Christmas? Christmas this year, and last year, and the year before, changes the song of the Cherubim from the song of joy to a piteous prayer. "Glory to God in the highest—Peace on earth, good will toward men!"

If this is an appeal, it is well. As a song of joy it is hypocritical blasphemy.

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WRONG IN EVERY COUNT.

There have already been seven reasons given by Chester Rowell and Governor Johnson, all different and all explaining why it was that Johnson was elected by a landslide and that Hughes lost the state. Without enumerating them it is sufficient to say that they all reflect, glow, and even blaze, with the egotism of the politician. What one crowd did and the other crowd didn't is the burden of the explaining.

The facts are, we should say, that Johnson, for years a very strong and popular figure, was running against a man who was a stranger to the people of the state at large—a political nonentity. And Wilson won because more people voted for him than voted for Hughes.

AZUSA NATIONAL BANKS WILL CONSOLIDATE JANUARY 1

Negotiations are now pending for the consolidation of the United States bank of Azusa with the First National bank of that city, to take effect January 2. All the preliminary steps have been taken, the only remaining action being the perfunctory vote of the United States bank stockholders, signifying their concent, at a special meeting called for December 15.

A special program of the Lyric Club held Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Belle Harris, was a very enjoyable one, the afternoon being given over to the life and works of Schubert. The opening number was a piano solo, "The Minuet," B minor, by Mrs. Randall Chew. This was followed by a most interesting talk on Schubert's life, given by Mrs. Thompson. Two vocal solos followed, "Earl King" and "Cradle Song," beautifully rendered by Mrs. Flick, a member of the Los Angeles Lyric Club. Mrs. Chew rendered "Impromptu" with wonderful technique. Miss Dorothy Dukes, who was formerly a member of the Golden State Quartet, sang "Who Is Sylvia" and "By the Sea," also "Serenade." The program was followed by a social hour and dainty refreshments were served by the ladies.

W. B. Davis, one of the drivers of the Covina high school trucks, had to take an enforced vacation this week on account of illness.

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KINDERGARTEN SCHOLARS ENTERTAIN MOTHERS

The kindergarteners of the Covina schools, with their teachers, Miss Hoogner and Miss Cavanaugh, entertained their mothers at the parent-teachers meeting in the Phillips building Thursday afternoon. The kindergarten room was specially decorated for the occasion with Christmas bells, holly, and other Christmas novelties. A little red brick fire-place and mantle added to the Christmassy look of the room. The decorations were all made by the little people themselves. They gave a program of Christmas songs, Mother Goose songs, and games, and served candies in baskets. The real Christmas spirit was brought into the meeting, the spirit of sharing their Christmas with those they love, rather than an exhibition of their work. A number of mothers took advantage of the occasion to visit the school rooms before the meeting.

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To this end a new church club, "The Hour Club," has been formed, in which has been enrolled every member of church and congregation who will give one hour per week, over and above church attendance, to definite, active work for the church. A church office has been fitted up in the north tower room, where for the present the church special secretary, Miss Cora McKirahan, will be on duty two afternoons, Tuesday and Wednesday, from 2 to 4, to do stenographic or other work for officers or committees.

A publicity committee will go to work immediately, keeping church matters and progress before the members and friends of the church. The new plan promises to enlist the earnest interest and active co-operation of all the church people, older and younger alike, and its development will be eagerly watched.

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Mrs. B. F. Edwards, wife of the secretary of the Covina Irrigating Company, has sufficiently recovered from her late serious major operation to be able to return to her home on Saturday. She was a patient at the California hospital, Los Angeles, for six weeks. At the time of the operation very faint hopes were held for Mrs. Edwards' recovery, but her indomitable courage sustained her at the crucial time, and she is rapidly progressing toward complete recovery. She will be glad to see her friends at her home on Rowland avenue.

Gifts? Covina Book Store.

A car has been chartered from the agricultural college at Corvallis, Oregon, bringing the students from that institution home for the Christmas holidays. Among them will be Ellis Coman, who will spend his Christmas vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Coman.

A Christian Science reading room has recently been opened on North Citrus avenue, in the store room next to the R. B. Winder shop.

Christmas trees, 25c to $1.25, at the Ax Billy Store.

The "rummage" sale which was held by the ladies of the Presbyterian aid society several days the latter part of last week was quite a success and it has been decided that they will have a continual rummage sale in the Merwin settlement, where the poor people can obtain clothing and furnishings at a low cost. A store room has been fitted up in the church, with Mrs. E. V. Rice in charge, and will make a convenient place for anyone to dispose of old clothing or articles of any description. The proceeds from the store will be divided between the missionary society of the local church and the society of the Merwin Presbyterian church.

Thermos Bottles. Nash.

For Sale—Buggy horse, weight 1100 pounds. Call 148. 12-22

Beginning with delivery of Dec. 21st the price of quarts of milk will be 11c; the price of pints of milk will be 6c. No change on other items.

F. O. FRAZIER,
Manager B. &. F. Ranch Dairy.

You'll find that gift at the Covina Book Store.

Cecil Oakley, the well-known barber, blew into Covina Wednesday, after an absence of six months. While away he visited Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Colorado, Oregon, and Washington. During the hottest period of last summer he was in Oklahoma where the government thermometer broke the record for 52 years. In the mining and oil districts of Missouri, unparalleled prosperity is prevailing. In Joplin every hotel, boarding house and private residence is filled to capacity and it is almost impossible for a stranger to secure accommodation. On his way south he stopped at Porterville and Lindsay and reports that all packing houses are closing down on account of damage from frost to the fruit. He expects to remain in Covina for some weeks.

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Mrs. S. E. Green of Utica, New York, is a guest in the Jones home, North Citrus avenue. Mrs. Green expects to spend the greater part of the winter in California for the benefit of her health.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Bryan and family have moved from their ranch at Charter Oak to occupy the house belonging to Mrs. J. E. Turner on Orange street for the winter.

Christmas tags and seals. Covina Book Store.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Sommers of Ontario were guests Saturday and Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Dudderar.

Fine Stationery. Nash.

Mrs. S. C. Landram of Badillo street received the sad intelligence yesterday of the death of her aged father, Miles Holliday, at his home in Tulare. She had only returned Sunday from the bedside of the deceased. Mrs. Landram, accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Ed Stockwell of Los Angeles, left yesterday evening on the Southern Pacific for Tulare to attend the funeral. The deceased was 76 years of age and had been in ill health for some months.

Hot Water Bottles. Nash.

On account of the number of Christmas ads on this page, many of the live personal locals will be found on the last page.

Mrs. Coman has obtained a part of the list of names of the inmates of the county institutions, to which she is superintending the sending of Christmas cards. A number of people of the valley have offered their assistance in this work, among them being the Glendora missionary society of the Presbyterian church, who offered to take a list of two hundred names. Anyone else who would like to assist can have the opportunity by letting Mrs. Coman know at phone 701.

Mrs. Mary McClellan and Miss Fannie McClellan, mother and sister of H. T. McClellan & Larkin, arrived this week from North Loup, Nebraska, to spend the winter in Covina.

Gifts? Covina Book Store.

The philanthropic committee of the Monday Afternoon Club, of which Mrs. Carroll Webb is the chairman, is assisting in gathering together books and magazines which will be sent to the tubercular ward of the county hospital. The philanthropic societies of the county are endeavoring to start a library for this ward of the hospital, as the patients of this ward are refused access to the regular library at the hospital. The local committee in charge is asking anyone who has old books or magazines that they are through with to leave them at the club-house on Monday afternoon or at the Argus office during the week, and they will be boxed and forwarded.

Three children of the Mexican families of Irwindale are under treatment at the present time in the children's hospital in Hollywood. There have been as many as seven children in this institution, who have received the best of care and have come back to their families in splendid physical condition.

For Sale—Buggy horse, weight 1100 pounds. Call 148. 12-22

Mrs. C. W. Coman spoke Monday afternoon to the members of the Azusa Parent-Teachers' Association on "The Christmas Spirit in the Home."

Mrs. C. A. Leighton, assisted by her daughter, Mrs. A. B. Scofield, entertained at luncheon on Wednesday Mrs. C. A. Leighton, Mrs. E. E. Harriman, and Miss Margaret Atwater, all of Los Angeles.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Miller were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Vreeland in Los Angeles.

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Mrs. H. A. Brownfield, principal of the Merwin school, will present the pupils of the school in a program of Christmas exercises at the school house this evening. A number of Covina people who are interested in the work in this settlement will attend, and others are cordially invited.

Arthur Dittberner, the three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Dittberner, has been seriously ill the past week, threatened with pneumonia. He is recovering slowly.

Mrs. William Stewart entertained her brother, Mr. Andy Irvine, and her cousins, Mrs. Fred Link and Mr. James Irvine, all of Los Angeles, Monday last.

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The Rexall Store

Gifts? Covina Book Store.

A. J. Wilkins, field representative for the California Fruit Growers Exchange, with headquarters in San Bernardino, has been spending the greater portion of this week in Covina in the interest of the Exchange.

Christmas tree decorations. Ax Billy Store. 1t

For the past week City Attorney A. M. Pence has been confined to his residence on Citrus avenue by an attack of la grippe. He was on our streets yesterday for the first time since he fell a victim to the prevailing malady.

Lowney's Fine Candy. Nash.

The boys' and girls' basketball teams of the Covina high school drove to Downey Wednesday afternoon to play practice games with teams of the high school of that place. The score in both instances was in favor of Downey.

Hot Water Bottles. Nash.

Mrs. Ray Edrington and little son of Norwalk are visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Keefer.

A picture? Covina Book Store.

Mrs. L. Johnson entertained Wednesday afternoon with an informal quilting party in honor of Miss Dorothy Magnuson, who leaves within a few days for the home of her parents in Panama. Only a few of the neighobors and intimate friends were present. Miss Magnuson has been visiting Mrs. Johnson, her aunt, for the past year.

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Mrs. Elmer King entertained the Queen Esther Circle of the Methodist church last Friday afternoon. There were about twenty young ladies present, who spent the afternoon hours with fancy work.

Christmas tree decorations. Ax Billy Store. 1t

Mrs. Bert Hull has returned from a visit with her sister-in-law, Miss Edith Hull, in Chino.

Lowney's Fine Candy. Nash.

Young people of the Philomathean class of the Methodist church Sunday-school met last evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Motter for a business and social hour.

Ray Coltrin will return today from Sanger, where he has been in charge of a packing house for several weeks past.

Gifts? Covina Book Store.

Miss Dorothy Bryan spent last week-end at Long Beach with Miss Kathryn Lipke.

Mrs. R. T. Vining entertained the members of the Covina-Glendora Bridge Club at her home on Barranca street Thursday afternoon.

Lee Smith, son of Mrs. J. M. Smith, left Wednesday for Calexico, where he has obtained a position as stenographer with a large ranch concern.

Hot Water Bottles. Nash.

Miss Clare Sanborn has recently purchased a finely-equipped Velie four-passenger roadster.

Mrs. Carroll Webb entertained at dinner Thursday evening. Her guests were Miss Julia Jennings, Miss Louise Mills, Miss Brunson, and Miss Essie Elliott.

Mrs. H. N. Webber is entertaining Mrs. H. A. Wright of Goldfield, Nevada, at her home on Orange street.

Palmer's Perfumes. Nash.

Mrs. Tom Wood of Los Angeles is a guest of Miss Luella Roberts.

Mrs. Fanny Barnum and Mrs. John Curpady and little daughter will arrive from Onarda, Ill., within a few days to spend the remained of the winter with Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Roberts and family.

A nice box of nice stationery Covina Book Store.

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More Roofing

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IRATE LADIES ARE WAITING FOR A SAUVE COLLECTOR

Several complaints have been brought to the Argus office this week by ladies who allege they have been swindled by a coterie of shrewd Jews, claiming to represent an established suit house in Los Angeles. Their business in Covina was to organize, among a select few, a suit club, the membership of which should be limited to forty. The contract provided that upon the payment of 50 cents a week each member should participate weekly in a drawing, the lucky one securing a suit alleged to be worth $20. The sauve solicitor promised that she would be the lucky one following the third weekly payment. As a new collector came each week, disclaiming any knowledge of any verbal agreement entered into by his predecessor, trouble is brewing and a warm time is promised the next man.

This, ladies, is an old swindle that has been practiced for years, and at present there is no law to reach these people unless they use the mails. The best way out of the difficulty is to charge off your past payments to profit and loss and turn your bulldog on the collector when he comes around again.

A number of young men of Covina have formed a dancing club and plan to hold dances in the Woman's club-house at intervals during the remainder of the winter and spring, the first one to be held New Year's night. An excellent orchestra has been secured by the young men and the affairs promise to be a great addition to the social life of the city. The dances are not to be made public, and only the regular members of the club will be allowed to attend.

Rev. S. J. McConnell, pastor of the Covina Methodist church, attended a Methodist ministerial meeting at Pomona on Thursday.

SPECIALS FOR CHRISTMAS

Watches---For Ladies and Gentlemen
Elgin, Waltham, Rockford $5.50 to $50.00.

Diamond Rings
Tiffany mountings from $25.00 up.
Signet Rings, Cameos, Opals and Rubies.
Gold and Silver Handled Pocket Knives.

Pendants, Lavallieres
Brooches and Bracelets $100. up.
Scarf Pins, Fobs and Watch Chains
In plated and solid gold $1.00 up.
Mantel Clocks
and fancy clocks to suit your taste.

Cut Glass
Lamps, Vases, Berry Bowls, Nappies, Compotes, Cologne Bottles and Water Sets
$1.50 to $14.00

Exquisite Line
Hand-Painted China
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Parisian Ivory and Sterling Silver Toilet Sets
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News of the Valley

WEST COVINA.

A pleasant evening was spent at the West Covina club-house on Friday last, the evening being spent in playing games and dancing, after which dainty refreshments were served. Among those present were Misses Hortense Fulton, Mary Peet, Louise and Theo Dell Bunch, Louise and Emma Fickewirth, Frances Dulin, Willie Mae Albright, Opal Searcy, Katherine Bogue, Frances and Marjorie Maxson, Vera Dancer, Hazel and Myrtle Ayers, Agnes Snodgrass, Messrs. Roy Harris, Percy Jackson, Royden Hopper, Lee Bashore, Homer Bogue, Leslie Robbins, Erwin Becker, Sam Parrot, Carl Fisher, Earl Brockman, Francis Sawyer, Clair Pierce of Pasadena, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Sawyer, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Alexander, Mmes. B. F. Maxson, F. J. Stimson, T. C. Bunch, and Clara Ayers.

Miss Hattie Powell of Tehachepi is visiting Mrs. I. C. Jackley this week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Sawyer and daughter, Elizabeth, motored to Chino last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Stimson had as Sunday guests Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Bishop and family, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Buck and mother, all of Los Angeles.

The members of the Bassett Social Club gave a dance last Saturday evening in their club-house. A large crowd attended.

IRWINDALE.

Mr. and Mrs. Reese and daughter, Mildred, and Mrs. C. Friend of Los Angeles came from Los Angeles by auto to spend Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. C. Kranz and family.

Mrs. T. C. Costenbader is spending a few days with her sister; Mrs. E. E. Washburn, in South Pasadena.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Girod are entertaining Mrs. D. J. Hancock and daughter, Miss Edna, of Chicago. They expect to remain over the Christmas holidays and will visit the other points of interest while here, including the beaches, Mount Lowe, and possibly the San Diego fair. Mrs. Girod and Mrs. Hancock are sisters.

F. P. Baldosser, who recently underwent an operation for appendicitis, is able to be out.

The Irwindale Miscellany Club meets Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Annette Philleo. Mrs. Jones will assist. There will be a Christmas program, after which the ladies will pack the Christmas box to be sent to the David and Margaret orphans' home at Lordsburg.

CHARTER OAK.

Pearl and Warren Gleason, who have been spending the past two weeks with Mr. and Mrs. G. Morris and family, have returned to their home in Alhambra.

Mrs. R. H. Middleton was in Los Angeles last Saturday visiting friends.

Gifts? Covina Book Store.

Mrs. Rupert of North Dakota, who is spending the winter in Los Angeles, was a guest a few days the latter part of the week of Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Funk and family.

Mrs. E. D. Robinson left Monday for San Francisco. She will be away indefinitely.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Stowell and family were guests Sunday of friends in Redlands.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Kennedy have been entertaining the former's mother from Hollywood this week.

Large Gathering At West Covina

Improvement Association Hears Details of Rural Credits Law—J. L. Matthews Brings News of Negative Vote For Covina Sewer System—Lively Program of Music and Readings.

The monthly meeting of the West Covina Improvement Association, held Monday evening in their club-house, was attended by at least one hundred people from the immediate vicinity, Puente, and Covina. The Honorable William D. Stephens, lieutenant-governor, at the last minute, found that it would be impossible for him to be present, and sent his regrets.

A business session of the improvement association was held, and among other things brought before the meeting were the complimentary reports by the local and county press of the associated chambers of commerce banquet held in the club-house the previous week. A vote of thanks was extended to the Covina and Puente papers for their efforts at favorable publicity.

A splendid program of music and readings was enjoyed. The entertainment was as follows: piano solo, Mary Peet; vocal solo, Marguerita Buletti; reading, Mrs. Fulton; violin solo, Marjerie Maxson; reading, Mrs. T. C. Bunch; vocal solo, Mr. Palmerston.

Mr. H. O. Gardener, secretary-treasurer of the Dominguez National Loan Association of Torrance, was present, and explained some of the details of the rural credits law, that was presented at the associated chambers meeting last week, and was reported fully in last week's Argus. Mr. Gardener has made an intensive study of this important loan law, and just as soon as a land bank is established in California, he will be in a position to render material assistance to groups of borrowers who may at that time wish to take advantage of the low interest rates that the land banks will demand. One of the main points of interest in this farm loan law is that it will equalize interest rates on farm loans throughout the whole country.

Mr. J. L. Matthews was called on for a few remarks. He reported to the people of the community that the people of Covina in a straw vote had expressed themselves as opposed to putting in a sewer system at this time. He read a paper on fumigation for citrus trees, which appears elsewhere in this issue.

Mr. H. A. Miller made a motion that the ladies of the parent-teachers' association be extended a hearty vote of appreciation for the banquet they served at the meeting of the associated chambers of commerce. Mr. R. H. Neely, B. F. Maxson, W. S. Sawyer, and several other men, were among those seconding the motion. President A. R. Taylor declared as passed a motion to entertain the ladies at a supper in the club-house in the near future.

Refreshments of hot chocolate and cake were served, following the business meeting and program.

NORTH WHITTIER BOULEVARD TO BE MOST SCENIC IN SOUTHLAND

When the improvements now under way and contemplated are completed along North Whittier boulevard from Whittier to the North Whittier Heights property through Turnbull canyon, this picturesque foothill driveway will become the most scenic in Southern California.

Mr. J. M. Elliott, former president of the First National Bank of Los Angeles, and who is now chairman of the board of directors, who recently purchased a 23-acre property at the north entrance to the Turnbull canyon, is having some extensive improvements put in on his property in the way of terraced work for orchards and in scenic road improvements, and the owners of the North Whittier Heights tract are having additional property prepared for planting to orchards during the coming spring. Mr. Elliott is also planning the erection of a country villa home on his recently acquired property at an early date. The Whittier chamber of commerce has also recently opened negotiations with the owners of the property on each side of the canyon on the south slope of the canyon road with a view of securing the necessary property for making a public park for the pleasure of the citizens of their own district and of the many auto parties who will use this scenic drive for outing parties. In addition to the natural native trees which are already to be found along this canyon road, it is planned to plant additional trees and shrubbery and to utilize the waters from the running springs in the canyons for beautifying the grounds.

Near the north end of the boulevard, north of the Salt Lake railroad, a townsite is being opened up by the Whittier Extension Company as a business center for the rich citrus district now coming into production.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

A few suggestions of useful presents that will be appreciated and add to the enjoyment of the season:

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Football Classic for Tournament of Roses

Oregon, Champion College Team of the West, Will Engage Powerful Football Aggregation of Pennsylvania—With Brilliant Players in Lineup, Visitors Will See Great Gridiron Battle.

The University of Oregon football eleven, which has been selected by the Tournament of Roses association football committee to meet the University of Pennsylvania on New Year's day, is conceded by all experts to be the strongest team in the west.

Coach Dobie's "undefeated" Washington eleven felt very lucky to emerge from the Oregon game with a scoreless tie. Coach Dobie himself admitted the superiority of the Oregon team, and this superiority showed up also in the team records for 1916 on which the tournament committee based its decision.

Both Oregon and Pennsylvania will have some powerful individual stars in action at Pasadena. Howard Berry, intercollegiate pentathalon champion, full back of the Pennsylvania team, is a powerful field runner and drop kicker, and has been the star of every game in which he has played. "Shy" Huntington, Oregon's 178-pound quarterback; Hollis Huntington, fullback; Parsons, right halfback; Bartlett, right tackle, and Captain Beckett, left tackle, are all stars for Oregon.

In the Washington state game which Oregon won 12 to 3, Bartlett received the first kickoff and ran through the Washington State team fifty-five yards. Two plays put the ball into a favorable position, from which "Shy" Huntington kicked a goal. Captain Beckett made a similar run after a later kickoff.

R. C. Folwell, coach at Pennsylvania, is a great exponent of the forward pass and of open play generally, and the Tournament of Roses game is sure to be marked by brilliant dashes.

The Oregon team has an unusually high average weight. The players and weights are: Tegart, right end, 169 pounds; Bartlett, right tackle, 176 pounds; Spellman, right guard, 180 pounds; Risley, center, 174; Snyder, left guard, 194; Beckett, left tackle, 191; Mitchell, left end, 177; "Shy" Huntington, quarterback, 178; Monteith, left halfback, 169; Hollis Huntington, fullback, 175; Parsons, right halfback, 160.

WAR.

God in the mouths of rulers,
Hell in the hearts of men;
Grief in the eyes of women,
Hate with the strength of ten.

Murder that rides triumphant,
Death with its trappings brave.
Men that are working, working,
To make the world a grave.

Cruelty fierce and insatiate,
Hope that sees never a star,
Night on the world and the future
Filled with the Terror—is War!

—J. R. Taylor in Western Christian cate.

DELINQUENT NOTICE.

Office of the Covina Irrigating Company, principal place of business, Covina, Covina Township, County of Los Angeles, State of California.

There are delinquent on the following described stock on account of assessment No. 72, levied on the first day of November, 1916, the several amounts set opposite the names of the respective shareholders as follows:

Name	No. Cert.	No. Shrs.	Amt.
H. S. and L. C. Brintnall	2732	30	$30.00
L. C. Brintnall	2733	12	12.00
Frank L. Chance	2417	10	10.00
Frank L. Chance	2419	5	5.00
Frank L. Chance	2762	25	25.00
Pacific Electric Land Company	1852	10	10.00
Joseph A. Peters	2858	52	52.00
W. G. Hall	1534	20	20.00
W. G. Hall	2652	5	5.00
W. H. Young, pledgee of W. G. Hall	1997	100	100.00

And in accordance with law and an order of the board of directors made on the first day of November, A. D. 1916, so many shares of each parcel of such stock as may be necessary will be sold at public auction at the office of the company in Covina, California, on the twenty-seventh day of December, A. D., 1916, at the hour of 2 o'clock p.m. of said day, to pay the delinquent assessment thereon, together with the cost of advertising and expense of sale.

B. F. EDWARDS, Secretary.

December 5, 1916.

ANNUAL STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING.

Office of the Covina Irrigating Company.

To the stockholders of the Covina Irrigating Company:

Please take notice that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Covina Irrigating Company will be held at the office of the corporation in the City of Covina, County of Los Angeles, State of California, on Tuesday, the 9th day of January, A. D. 1917, at 10 o'clock a.m., for the purpose of electing directors, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

B. F. EDWARDS, Secretary.

Dated December 15, 1916.

If you cannot attend, please send your proxy. 1-5

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FOUR CITIES SWING INTO "DRY" COLUMN

Boston, Dec. 7.—The sweeping victory for the no-license forces in the fifteen city elections Tuesday which swung from "wet" to "dry" and cut the "wet" vote in every city but two, sent the license advocates scurrying about today in increased fear that the sweep may yet include Boston.

Fall River, Haverhill, Taunton and Leominster were the cities to swing into the no-license column. Taunton had been "wet" for sixteen years. No dry city was swung into the "wet" column. Gloucester was the only "wet" city to increase the "wet" majority.

Gifts? Covina Book Store.

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ANNUAL FUMIGATION RECOGNIZED NECESSITY DECIDING SUCCESS OR FAILURE IN GROVES

PRACTICAL AND STRIKING FACTS OF HUGE LOSSES IN CROP RETURNS FROM MISSING SINGLE FUMIGATION—TWO-YEAR INTERVALS IN FUMIGATION CAN NO LONGER APPLY IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY—CAUSES DO NOT ACCOUNT FOR SO MUCH AS EFFECTS—RANCHER WHO DOES NOT FUMIGATE ONCE EACH YEAR CANNOT MAKE PROFIT IN THE CITRUS INDUSTRY.

(Specially prepared for this newspaper.)

The question of annual fumigation of citrus trees is one that should be brought out bluntly, and without equivocation, especially as applying to the citrus industry in Los Angeles county. Annual fumigation is vitally necessary. In nearly ninety-five per cent of the orchards located on this coastal plain, the lesson is so apparent that it needs only to be seen once by any practical orchardist.

The purpose of this communication is to state why this is so, but while we will undoubtedly use quite a little space in doing this, the reason can be stated in one sentence—that where orchards are fumigated once a year they set a good crop, all other things being favorable, and where they are fumigated but once in two years they do not set a crop. Any reasons set forth in favor of annual fumigation by the expert at the citrus experiment station; any elaborate views of any individual or group of individuals on this subject may be interesting—but it all comes back to the fundamental fact that the grove fumigated regularly once a year sets a good crop, irrespective of whether the black scale is all cleaned up or not.

Packing house figures tell this story so plainly that it is a matter of wonder that this one question has not occupied a great deal of the time at association meetings. It cannot be good business to ignore the fact that ranchers have received one box to the tree instead of eight, because they have missed one fumigation.

Naturally, when a fumigator makes this statement, as all of them must do on the face of the facts, the rancher takes his statement with an inclination to take a grain of salt with it, because most fumigating outfits are in the business to get more business in order to make more profit. The statement is therefore from a source that can be reliable but is of course tinged with bias.

But facts in the groves have no bias to them, neither has the statement from the packing house. Citrus trees in Los Angeles county do not set a good crop unless they are fumigated once a year. This applies to a considerable extent to the industry throughout the state, but more particularly to this district lying closer to the coast.

A citrus grove will bear fruit for a few years without being fertilized. It has been known to bear a fair crop when cultivation is neglected. Groves that do not receive enough water some years will in spite of it set a crop for one year, or two years, before the real effects will begin to show up. They will return a fair crop if not pruned. All these things can happen to the grove for a few years, and it will still bear fruit. But on this coastal plain, where the black scale infestation has been in increasingly-difficult problem during the last fifteen years, the grove that was not properly fumigated, or not fumigated at all, quits bearing at once. Trees reduce their crops from eight boxes to one box in a single year. It is an eight-to-one test that is more important than the sugar and acid content of the fruit itself.

A few years ago Horticultural Commissioner William Wood of Los Angeles county gave instructions to all his inspectors to carefully prepare a statement on "What is the principal cause of crop variation?" That is to say, what causes a tree to bear one year and not bear the next? Why is it that causes a grove on one side of the street to bear heavily one year and the grove on the other side of the street set but one box to the tree? This question was to apply to groves that are decently cared for. It applies to groves owned by men who were doing everyhing they knew how to do to raise a normal crop.

The inspectors have made two reports of two-year periods. There is no variation in their general statements. The control of the scale pests is the most important matter in the question of setting a crop. It does not mean that the scale must be exterminated. Inspectors and practical fumigators have ceased to use the word "exterminate," as the black scale can only be controlled—kept down to a percentage that is not harmful to the tree. It means that ninety per cent of the scale must be exterminated EVERY YEAR.

PRACTICAL GROVE RECORDS.

There is something about the action of cyanogen gas on the health of the tree that is beneficial beyond the mere fact that it rids the tree of a large portion of the scale-pests. Inspections of orchards show the undeniable fact that although an orchard may be fairly clean of scale, so clean in fact to all appearances that it looks as if one fumigation could be skipped—the grove does not set a normal crop the season following the skipping of one fumigation. The black scale shows up in heavy, damaging quantities before the year is over, making it a most difficult job to clean up the grove the second year, but this is not the whole story. For some reason that has never been satisfactorily explained, the grove, even if comparatively clean in the first year, does not set a crop. These are the plain facts as found in Los Angeles county through observations of horticultural inspectors, ranch-owners and packing house managers, the latter being the men who can place the orchard returns for two years in opposite columns of figures.

In nearly every case, the citrus grove in this coastal plain district is dirty enough with black scale each year to make it apparent to any practical man that it should be fumigated. But, in cases where the scale does not seem to show up in quantities, the fact nevertheless remains that the loss of a fumigation affects materially the setting of the crop for the coming year. What other benefits the cyanogen gas has for the tree besides eliminating the scale is not known. It is not necessary to know, so far as the question of crop returns is concerned. Causes are cryptic, but effects are clear as crystal. One box to a tree is quite a different matter from eight boxes. If the rancher has not already convinced himself by observation, he should make a thorough canvass of the question among other growers and ascertain the crop performance of a large number of ranches, fumigated every year or fumigated once in two years.

UNEVEN ORCHARD CROPS.

Old-fashioned apple-raisers in the eastern states used to say that the trees generally bore heavily one year and rested the next. This was, and probably is, a common saying among farmers who raise apples on a farm that also raises diversified crops—where little attention is paid to the apple orchard. Men who have since made a practical science of growing apples in the eastern states soon exploded this theory. Apple trees yield steadily and normally every year when the proper attention is given them, barring unforseen circumstances. The citrus grove is an every-year bearer if all conditions are fitted to give it the opportunity. Therefore, when a grove suddenly drops from eight boxes to one box per tree, there has been something held back from it that it should have had. It will not make this phenomenal change because no fertilizer has been applied during one year, nor will it act quite so radically if pinched for water. Actual figures and observations show that it does act so radically when fumigation is skipped for one year.

Before going any farther with this discussion we want to introduce as evidence the figures as compiled at two Covina packing houses on a number of crop returns where fumigation was dispensed with for one year. If you went to any one of these ranchers who own these groves they would tell you frankly that the figures are correct, and that it was brought about by an attempt to get by without fumigating one year. But the names are withheld here, as probably no rancher would care to have his mistakes exploited in print. One large packing house has the following record on five navel orchards:

Ranch No. 1 packed 10,650 boxes in 1914, and did not fumigate that year. The following season of 1915 the same ranch packed 602 boxes.

Ranch No. 2 packed 1451 boxes in 1914, and did not fumigate that year, the 1915 crop being 277 boxes.

Ranch No. 3 packed 2482 boxes in 1914 and did not fumigate that year, the following crop in 1915 being 436 boxes.

Ranch No. 4 packed 1495 boxes in 1914, and did not fumigate that year, the following year packing 186 boxes.

Ranch No. 5 packed 2917 boxes in 1914, and did not fumigate, the following year packing 458 boxes.

These were cases in the Covina district where all other effort of a reasonable nature was made to set a crop. The ranches were fertilized, cultivated and irrigated, and there was no frost. Some of these cases were where the rancher was so pressed for money because of the loss of a crop by cold weather the previous year that he thought he would take a desperate chance and save the expense of from thirty to forty cents per tree. Other cases were where the rancher's fumigating turn came so late in the season that continuous rains and fogs made it impossible for the fumigators to get into his grove until so late that the fruit setting was injured by the delay. In the case of the man who was pressed for money, it would have been far better for him to have borrowed the money at almost any per cent that might be named. You will notice that some of the trees fell even far below a box to the tree.

DAMAGES TWO YEARS.

The damage does not stop with a single season. Where a fumigation is skipped, the trees do not again set a normal crop, either the following year or the next year afterwards. The damage extends over at least two years, even when the grove is well fumigated the year following the skipping of a fumigation. The citrus tree is one of the readiest to respond to proper treatment of any of the orchard trees. It recovers more quickly from a freeze than an apple tree or a peach tree. It will respond within a few hours to the application of water long denied it. This applies to the personal appearance of the tree, but if anything interferes with the bud formation at that critical time in the tree's cycle when it is preparing to perpetuate its species, the crop is at once eliminated or badly depleted, and two years must elapse before it comes back to what is considered a normal crop.

From the same packing house returns quoted above we take fourteen valencia orchards, where a fumigation was skipped, as follows: 1914, boxes packed 1089, in 1915, 204; 4038 versus 358; 5696 versus 1732; 4131 versus 859; 1500 versus 399; 2917 versus 340; 1291 versus 152; 3930 versus 429; 1710 versus 102; 1850 versus 103; 4358 versus 627; 1938 versus 113; 2467 versus 332; 1454 versus 282.

In the case of the first valencia grove, for instance, there is shown a loss of 885 boxes the season following the skipping of a fumigation. Valencia oranges averaged better than $2.50 per box net to the grower that year. Here is a direct loss of $2,212.50.

In the case of the second grove it is even more marked. The difference between 4038 boxes and 358 boxes is 3,380 boxes, which at $2.50 the box is 8,450, this sum being a total loss because of the lack of one fumigation. The ratio is nearly the same through all of the fourteen quoted.

We have a statement from another packing house which corresponds to the one quoted, showing a drop from 5,531 boxes to 309, etc. This packing house also gives the figures on a Covina grove that has been fumigated regularly and annually for fourteen years, as follows: 1913, 8,997 boxes; 1914, 7,999 boxes; 1915, 8,697 boxes; 1916, 6090 boxes; 1917, estimated, 8,000 boxes.

We have the records also on a Covina grove that has been fumigated twenty times in twenty-two years. The two years when the grove was not fumigated are the two most unprofitable years. In this case every practical method of upkeep has been practiced steadily. It is one of the most profitable groves in the state. Any one of these groves can be shown at any time and their performance record shown in full.

RECORDS THIS YEAR.

So far as the indictment against skipping a fumigation is concerned as applying to this particular year, we have just completed a thorough inspection of thirty groves in the Covina district. We have the names of owners and the locality on record, but will say here that the comparisons are just as striking and convincing as any we have quoted.

One man failed to get his fumigating done last year because he was waiting on a cash payment from a business source which did not materialize until it was so late that the orchard could not be fumigated. He had less than a box to the tree on his grove, a grove that is a very prolific bearer, year after year. Just across the street is a ranch that originally was a part of the same parcel of land, both pieces being planted at the same time twenty-five years ago. This part of the grove was fumigated last year, and has one of the many great crops that are seen this year all through this valley.

Within the city limits of Covina there is a forty-acre ranch that has tried fumigation at two-year periods. There is scarcely a box to the tree on this ranch this year.

There is a ranch west of the city that tried a new and alleged cure for the black scale last year, now known as the famous bread-mold farce. It would have cost from $600 to $700 to fumigate this grove. The loss in crop this year is from $7000 to $8000.

One hundred acres west of the city, all in one block and owned by the same person, stands to lose approximately $18,000 this year in crop, because the orchard was not fumigated last year. Near it is one of the most marvelous sights in the setting of valencia oranges that has ever been seen in this valley. This last grove has had everything that is practical done for it, including annual fumigation, year after year. Again, in this particular locality is another splendid ranch, owned by a shrewd, practical rancher of long years of experience, which has just a fair crop this year, after having missed a fumigation three years ago. The rancher says very frankly that he made a mistake, and that it cost him several thousand dollars. Of course he never will get caught again. But the lesson is very expensive. We have found these striking lessons on the north, south, east and west, in all parts of the district.

ABANDON OLD THEORIES.

We must abandon the ideas of fumigation that have persisted since the earlier days of the industry. The horticultural commission used to advocate that fumigation should be done in two-year periods. In the earlier days of the black scale infestation the groves most certainly did clean up well when fumigated only every other year. They do not do so any more in Los Angeles county. It may be that other districts may skip with impunity. We are very much inclined to doubt it, but will confine ourselves to the investigations and the facts gathered in Los Angeles county.

As time has gone on the black scale has changed its habits. This scale no longer hatches out at one particular time of season. It took several years to convince ranchers and investigators that the scale could not all be killed at any one time, because of the uneven hatch, or "off-hatch," as it has been called. The black scale now hatches out at various times. He did not used to do so. In an effort to exterminate him we have probably broken up his old-time settled habits. Any kind of life, animal or vegetable, will learn to combat inimical conditions, and that is what the black scale is trying to do—to overcome the inroads made upon him by fumigations. Because such a satisfactory per cent of the black scale could be killed in former years at one fumigation, it was necessary to fumigate but once in two years. But the conditions have absolutely changed. There have been a few ranchers who have fumigated annually from the very first years of the industry. It is a significant fact that they are among the wealthiest ranchers in the valley. Of course, they used as good judgment about all phases of the business as they did about annual fumigation.

From the percentage standpoint in the matter of importance, annual fumigation should occupy forty per cent of the one hundred in the rancher's mind. Irrigation should be given twenty-five per cent of the one hundred; fertilization 20 per cent; cultivation five per cent, and spraying and pruning five per cent each. This is writeta merely to give a mental picture of the importance of annual fumigation.

The rancher must squarely face this fact—if he does not fumigate his orchard once a year, he cannot grow citrus fruits at a profit.

Victrola agency. Nash, druggist.

Gifts? Covina Book Store.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS.
No. 33999.

Estate of Lelia P. McKirahan, deceased.

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned administratrix of the estate of Lelia P. McKirahan, deceased, to the creditors of, and all persons having claims against the said deceased, to exhibit them with the necessary vouchers, within four months after the first publication of this notice, to the said administratrix, at the office of Messrs. Gail & Pence, rooms 5, 7 and 8, Reed Block, in the City of Covina, County of Los Angeles, State of California, which said office the undersigned selects as a place of business in all matters connected with said estate, or to file them with the necessary vouchers, within four months after the first publication of this notice in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Los Angeles.

Dated Dec. 15th ,1916.

CORA A. McKIRAHAN,
Administratrix of the estate of Lelia P. McKirahan, deceased.

Gail & Pence, attorneys for administratrix. 12-15,22,29; 1-5

Mrs. Lulu Dietz, the owner and manager of the Star theater, has been missed from the box office several days this week on account of a severe attack of la grippe, which has confined her to her residence. Her sister came out from Los Angeles Wednesday to remain until Mrs. Dietz is better.

Church News

Church of the Brethren: George F. Chemberlen, elder in charge. Third and Puente streets. Sunday-school, 10 a.m.; morning sermon, 11 a.m.; Christian Workers' meeting, 6:45; evening sermon, 7:30 p.m.; mid-week services on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

Presbyterian Church: Rev. Chauncey A. Foreman, pastor. Italia and Second streets. Sunday-school, 9:45 a.m.; Chas. A. Hale, superintendent; morning sermon, 11 a.m.; Junior C. E., 4 p.m.; C. E. Society, 6:30; evening service, 7:30; mid-week service, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday morning address, "The Apostle and High Priest of our Profession"; evening, "The Strength of Youth." Special music by the quartet. Duet at morning service by Messrs. Blanchard and Lee. C. E. topic, "Big Jobs Await Us."

Church of the Sacred Heart (Catholic): Father M. H. Geary, priest. Church at Fifth and Center streets. Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Baptist Church: Rev. W. W. Catherwood, pastor. Second street near College. Sunday-school, 9:45 a.m.; morning sermon, 11; Junior B.Y.P.U., 3:00 p.m.; Senior B.Y.P.U., 6:45 p.m.; evening sermon, 7:45 p.m.; mid-week services, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday morning address, "Christian Doctrine and Duty—an Exposition." Rom. 12:1-8. Special music. Young People's subject, "Big Jobs Awaiting Us." Evening sermon subject, "The San Diego Runaways; or, Why Does a Boy Want to Run Away?" Big chorus of men, orchestra and double male quartet; mandolin solo, Willis Edgett.

Evangelical Lutheran St. John's Church: Rev. H. O. Michel, pastor. Church Third and Dexter streets. Sunday-school, 9:30 a.m.; morning sermon, 10:30; Wednesday evening service 7:30.

Church of the Holy Trinity: Rev. Charles T. Murphy, rector. Church at Third and Badillo streets. Holy Communion, 7:30 a.m., second and fourth Sundays of month. Sunday-school, 9:30 a.m. Morning service and sermon, 11 a.m. Evening service and sermon, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday morning the Rev. Mr. Murphy will preach on "St. John the Baptist—the Supreme Success of Complete Failure." At the evening service the pastor will give the first sermon instruction on confirmation from the text, "Did Ye Receive the Holy Ghost When Ye Believed?"

Methodist Church: Rev. S. J. McConnell, pastor. College street near Citrus avenue. Sunday-school, 9:45; morning sermon, 11; Epworth League, 6:30 p.m.; evening sermon, 7:30 p.m.; mid-week-service, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday morning, Dr. Chappell of Tokio, Japan, will speak on "The Star of the East." Sermon in the evening by the pastor.

Christian Science Society of Covina: Woman's Club House, Center street and Citrus avenue. Sunday-school, 9:45; morning service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday evening testimonial meeting, 8:00.

Sunday morning subject, "Is the Universe, Including Man, Evolved by Atomic Force."

Christian Church: Garret W. Thompson, pastor. Park street and San Bernardino road. Sunday-school, 9:45 a.m.; Tom Johnson, superintendent; morning sermon, 11 a.m.; C. E., 6:30; evening sermon, 7:30; mid-week services, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.

The case of Sing Lee, a Chinese vegetable peddler, versus Irven Reynolds and Charles Bintliff, came for trial in Justice Stafford's court on Monday. The Chinaman sued the defendants for $210 alleged damages received in an auto wreck several weeks ago, when his wagon was struck early in the morning by an auto owned by Reynolds, but driven by Charles Bintliff. Reynolds was drawn into the case on account of his ownership of the machine. The case consumed all day and the court reserved its decision.

The ladies' aid and missionary societies of the Presbyterian church held a meeting Thursday at the home of Mrs. J. M. Smith on the San Bernardino road.

G. New Thompson, of the Thompson barber shop, has rented the E. P. Warner residence on Cottage Drive, into which he moved his family this week.

Local News

Victrola agency. Nash, druggist.

Gifts? Covina Book Store.

Mrs. H. H. Loomis has been a victim of la grippe during the past week.

Christmas candles and decorations at the Covina Book Store.

Walter Aschenbrenner, formerly of Covina, was a visitor here this week.

For Sale—Buggy horse, weight 1100 pounds. Call 148. 12-22

Mr. F. C. Jones and Miss Ida Jones have both been confined to their homes by the grippe during the past week.

Jacob Maurer of West Center street has purchased a Willys-Knight touring car.

J. H. Fastenau has recently purchased a "Sensible Six" Oakland touring car through the local agent, C. H. Coffman.

Hot Water Bottles. Nash.

Mrs. Lloyd Tyler and Mr. Joe Maple of Pasadena were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Tyler.

Cheaper than ever—better than ever—greeting cards, at the Covina Book Store.

Miss Phyllis Brunjes of Glendora was a week-end guest of Mrs. W. H. Matthews.

Fine Stationery. Nash.

Miss Ida M. Jones of North Citrus avenue, who has been spending several weeks in Sacramento, Oakland, and Alameda, has returned home.

F. C. Jones, who had the misfortune to lose one finger and have another badly mutilated in a threshing machine, is much improved, and expects to soon be able to use the hand.

Beginning with delivery of Dec. 21st the price of quarts of milk will be 11c; the price of pints of milk will be 6c. No change on other items.

F. O. FRAZIER,
Manager B. & F. Ranch Dairy.

Lowney's Fine Candy. Nash.

Mrs. Nora Fisher, who recently underwent an operation at the California hospital, Los Angeles, was brought home this week. She is improving slowly and is still unable to see any of her friends, but the family have hopes for her complete recovery.

Palmer's Perfumes. Nash.

The Amphion Society will meet Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ben F. Thorpe on West Cypress avenue. The host and hostess will be assisted in receiving by Mrs. Ennis and Miss Pomeroy. Miss Patricia O'Conner will give a Christmas program in costume.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Wedgwood entertained Tuesday evening in honor of Miss Dorothy Magnuson, who leaves Saturday or Sunday for the home of her parents in Panama. There were about twenty guests that gathered at the Wedgwood home on Cypress avenue to spend a last evening in company with Miss Magnuson before her departure. A number of the guests gave musical selections, both instrumental and vocal, and games were played until a late hour. Weinies were roasted at the open fires and a delicious supper served. Especially attractive decorations were used. Pink roses were used in abundance in the parlors and potted ferns and red roses in the dining room. The guest of honor has been visiting her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. L. Johnson of Irwindale, for a little over a year, and has made a great many friends in this vicinity who regret to have her leave.

Thermos Bottles. Nash.

The most successful social affair given by the younger set for several months was the dance given by Miss Margery Clarke and Miss Anita Speer in the West Covina club-house last Saturday evening. The room was elaborately decorated with ferns, palms, holly, pepper boughs and potted plants. A complete canopy of greenery covered the ceiling, red Japanese lanterns covering the lights, and huge Japanese parasols protruded through the boughs. Music was furnished by C. R. Martin and Paul Adams. A dainty supper was served by the hostesses. Among the out-of-town guests were Misses Dorothy MacDonald, Muriel and Gwendolyn Sherwood, Ruth Ellington, and Messrs. Robert Elsinger, William Kimble, Emerson Taylor, Stewart Streshley, Roy Judson, William Gable, and Kenneth Stonier of Glendora, Mrs. Lloyd Tyler and Mr. Joe Maple of Pasadena, Misses Myrtle Daniels and Alice Barnhardt, and Mr. Barnes of Los Angeles, Harry Bleecker of Sierra Madre, and Brennan Gillespie of San Bernardino. The young people were chaperoned by Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Speer and Mrs. Rosa Clarke. The guests in all numbered about sixty.

Mrs. C. E. Paige and Mrs. J. L. Matthews were in attendance Monday at the monthly meeting of the trustees of the David and Margaret Home of Lordsburg. There are at the present time 74 children in the home. Anyone of our many potato growers in the valley who desire to do something for the welfare of these little ones during the Christmas season could show their generosity in no better way than by giving several sacks to swell the Christmas larder. By notifying Mrs. J. L. Matthews arrangements will be made for the delivery of the potatoes to the home.

Thermos Bottles. Nash.

"The Ladies' Home Journal" for Christmas. Call Miss Smart. 1t

Dr. Carl Warner was an over-night guest of his brother, Mr. E. P. Warner, and family, Monday.

Hot Water Bottles. Nash.

Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Knudtson plan to entertain a party of eight old-time neighbors from Valley City, North Dakota, at dinner today at their ranch on West Puente street.

A book? Covina Book Store.

Mrs. J. W. Keefer and Mrs. O. W. Lehmer of Ramona Park attended the Caplan trial in Los Angeles Wednesday. Mr. Keefer is a member of the jury in this trial.

Miss Carlibelle Gail was a guest of Mrs. Paul Custer in Los Angeles Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Clifford visited in Alhambra Tuesday and in San Gabriel Wednesday.

Lowney's Fine Candy. Nash.

Miss Alice Barnhardt of Los Angeles was a week-end guest of Miss Irma Rogers.

Christmas candy, $1.00 boxes. Ax Billy Store. 1t

Fine Stationery. Nash.

Robert Pitcairn, Jr., of Pasadena and Covina, has just returned from a two months' visit to his former home in Pennsylvania. He spent the greater portion of the time in New York City. He states that we on this coast have no conception of the business activity of the manufacturing centers of the east, due to the demands for goods to fill war orders for Europe. Over $47,000,000 of leather goods were exported last month.

Palmer's Perfumes. Nash.

The members of the Newcomers' Club motored to Pasadena Tuesday evening and attended the theater, after which they took supper in Pasadena.

Christmas candy, $1.00 boxes. Ax Billy Store. 1t

J. H. Myers of College street, who for the past four weeks has been at Lindsay working in the oranges, returned home on Tuesday of this week. He brings with him gloomy reports of the damage to the fruit from cold weather in that district. Last Friday night he stated that the thermometer stood at 22 for eight hours, with the result that all the fruit on the trees is heavily damaged. All packing houses will be closed down on Saturday awaiting developments. To date 840 cars have been shipped from Lindsay, representing 30 per cent of the total crop in that section. This represents most of the foothill territory which escaped the damaging frosts. All fruit from the foothill district has been moved.

Country Gentleman, one year one dollar. Covina Book Store.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Custer spent last week-end with their parents in Covina.

Christmas trees, 25c to $1.25, at the Ax Billy Store.

J. H. Wilson of West Badillo street, the aged local peanut vendor, had the misfortune last Friday to break his right arm. The accident happened at Charter Oak, where he was engaged in making some repairs on the exterior of the Charter Oak store building. The injured man fell six feet from a temporary scaffold.

Thermos Bottles. Nash.

Subject Sunday evening at the First Baptist church, "The San Diego Runaways; or, Why a Boy Wants to Run Away From Home." Big chorus of Men. Double male quartet; mandolin solo, Willis Edgett; orchestra. The welcome church. Time 7:30. 1t

Palmer's Perfumes. Nash.

W. P. Watts, the well-known orange grower, has been confined to his couch at his home, corner of Puente street and Citrus avenue, for over two weeks with an acute attack of rheumatism. A change for the better in his condition was noted yesterday and his physician hopes that in a few days he will be able to sit up in a chair.

Mrs. Joyce of Jerome, Arizona, arrived yesterday on a visit with her sister, Mrs. G. E. Smith, of the Covina hotel.

From A to Z in Gifts

SINCE EARLY IN THE YEAR we have been selecting suitable gifts—gifts to bring cheer—for our holiday stock. Our stock is now complete from A to Z, but we can mention only a few of the many practical and beautiful things to be had at the

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LOCAL ORANGE GROWER PURCHASES EXTRA PROPERTY

The ten-acre orange grove, corner of Barranca and Rowland avenues, the property of Judge Cheney of Los Angeles, has been purchased this week by Mr. Frank Crook. Mr. Crook came to Covina about two years ago, and owns a grove adjacent to his new property.

C. E. Blackman drove to Planada during the past week. Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Miller returned with him, expecting to remain a month. During Mr. Blackman's absence, his daughter, Mrs. Sturdevant, took charge of his mail route.

C. F. Parker of Glendale, formerly justice of the peace of this township, was in Covina on business yesterday.